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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07883.0111

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Robert Edward KOHLER et al.) Group Art Unit: 3731
Application No.: 10/052,156) Examiner: U. T. HO
Filed: January 16, 2002)
For: ENCASED IMPLANT AND) Confirmation No.: 1036
METHODS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.

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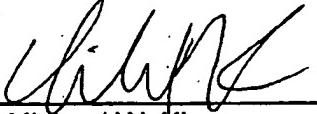


Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Amendment and
charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 21, 2004

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